

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:14-CV-213-RJC-DCK**

**GENERAL SYNOD OF THE UNITED CHURCH)
OF CHRIST; REVEREND JOSEPH)
HOFFMAN; REVEREND NANCY ELLETT)
ALLISON; REVEREND NATHAN KING;)
REVEREND NANCY KRAFT; RABBI)
JONATHAN FREIRICH; REVEREND ROBIN)
TANNER; REVEREND MARK WARD;)
REVEREND DR. NANCY E. PETTY; KAY)
DIANE ANSLEY; CATHERINE)
MCGAUGHEY; ELIZABETH "LISA")
CLONINGER; KATHLEEN SMITH; SHAUNA)
BRAGAN; STACY MALONEY; CATHY FRY;)
JOANNE MARINARO; JOEL BLADY;)
JEFFREY ADDY; BETTY MACK; CAROL)
TAYLOR; REVEREND TODD DONATELLI;)
RABBI ARIEL EDERY; REVEREND CANON)
THOMAS MURPHY; CENTRAL)
CONFERENCE OF RABBIS; ALLIANCE OF)
BAPTISTS, INC.; REVEREND AMY JACKS)
DEAN; ASSOCIATION OF WELCOMING &)
AFFIRMING BAPTISTS; REVEREND MILLY)
MORROW; REVEREND RUSS DEAN; RABBI)
ERIC M. SOLOMON; RABBI ARI N.)
MARGOLIS; and RABBI LUCY H.F. DINNER)**

Plaintiffs,

v.

ORDER

**ROY COOPER, Attorney General of North)
Carolina; DREW REISINGER, Register of Deeds)
for Buncombe County; WAYNE NIXON,)
Register of Deeds for Cabarrus County; TONIA)
HAMPTON, Register of Deeds for McDowell)
County; J. DAVID GRANBERRY, Register of)
Deeds for Mecklenburg County; LAURA M.)
RIDDICK, Register of Deeds for Wake County;)
RONALD L. MOORE, Buncombe County District)
Attorney; ROXANN VANEEKHOVEN,)
Cabarrus County District Attorney; BRADLEY)
GREENWAY, McDowell County District)**

Attorney; ANDREW MURRAY, Mecklenburg)
County District Attorney; and NED MANGUM,)
Wake County District Attorney,)

Defendants.)

THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on “Plaintiffs’ Request For Oral Argument” (Document No. 73) filed June 23, 2014; as well as other scheduling concerns. The instant motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate.

The undersigned observes that the “Plaintiffs’ Request For Oral Argument” (Document No. 73) fails to satisfy the requirement of consultation pursuant to Local Rule 7.1 (B). Plaintiffs do not indicate whether the parties have conferred regarding the instant motion and whether Defendants consent to or oppose the motion. As such, the undersigned will deny the motion without prejudice to Plaintiffs re-filing.

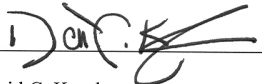
In addition, it appears that Defendants Laura M. Riddick and Wayne Nixon have failed to timely file reply briefs in support of their motions to stay proceedings (Document Nos. 47 and 61), or notices of intent not to file a reply, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1 (E). “Plaintiffs’ Brief In Opposition To Defendants’ Motion To Stay Proceedings” (Document No. 66) was filed on June 13, 2013, and therefore, Defendants’ replies were due on or before June 23, 2014.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that “Plaintiffs’ Request For Oral Argument” (Document No. 73) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant Riddick and Defendant Nixon shall file reply briefs in support of their motions to stay proceedings on or before **July 1, 2014**.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: June 26, 2014



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

